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## General Comment

When we lived in Bethesda for 10 years, we hated reading about all the damage to the Bay which so many people didn't seem to care about.

In fact, for more than 25 years, scientists have documented the damaging levels of pollution that drain into Bay rivers and streams, leaving many waters unfit for swimming or fishing and depleting once abundant shellfish populations.

The draft Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is a strong step in the right direction. It sets clear pollution limits, deadlines and consequences for failure that would ensure that the job gets done. It would allow states the flexibility to determine how best to achieve results, tap market efficiencies to save businesses and taxpayers money, and provide support and guidance to states and localities to help them make on-the-ground progress.

The Chesapeake Bay can't afford more excuses and delay. THE BAY NEEDS OUR HELP. I urge you to finalize a strong, accountable final TMDL, and to continue working with the states to ensure that their plans will deliver much-needed results. The longer you wait, the more damaged the Bay will be.